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SUBJECT: END-USE CHECK/MUNITIONS CONTROL AKAH-FRANCE

REFS: STATE 084708; PARIS 15767; MC CASE NO. 35295

1. EMBASSY EDO WAS INFORMED BY JEAN-LOUP BOMBECKE,  
DIRECTOR OF AKAH-FRANCE THAT REFERENCE LICENSE  
APPLICATION FOR 1,000 RIOT GUNS WAS REQUESTED TO COVER  
ONE YEAR'S SUPPLY WHICH IS SOLD EXCLUSIVELY TO FRENCH  
RETAILERS. HE REPORTED THAT SINCE JULY 1976 AKAH-  
FRANCE HAD BEEN IMPORTING ON A MONTHLY BASIS  
APPROXIMATELY 100 AND 130 RIOT GUNS. (12 GAUGE,  
"SELF DEFENSE", WEAPON MANUFACTURED BY HIGH STANDARD  
CO., LOCATED IN CONNECTICUT) TO MEET RETAIL ORDERS.  
BOMBECKE CLAIMS THAT THE RETAILERS SELL THIS GUN TO  
WILD PIG HUNTERS AND PEOPLE LIVING IN THE COUNTRY WHO  
USE THE GUN FOR SELF-DEFENSE PURPOSES.

2. CONCERNING THE REVOLVERS (COLT), BOMBECKE STATED  
THAT TOTAL NUMBER OF REVOLVERS CITED IN LICENSE  
APPLICATION WAS IN FACT CONSIDERABLY IN EXCESS OF THE  
ACTUAL AMOUNT ON ORDER WHICH CURRENTLY WAS ONLY  
ABOUT 150 REVOLVERS. BOMBECKE SAID THAT THE APPLICA-  
TION WAS MADE TO COVER POSSIBLE FUTURE ORDERS (FROM  
RETAIL STORES) ALLEVIATING NECESSITY OF HAVING TO  
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RESUBMIT ADDITIONAL MUNITIONS LICENSE APPLICATIONS.  
AKAH-FRANCE JUST RECENTLY RECEIVED FRNEHC GOVERNMENT  
AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT REVOLVERS AND THIS APPLICATION  
REPRESENTED ITS FIRST U.S. ORDER.

3. BOMBECKE INFORMED EDO THAT AKAH-FRANCE IS  
STRICTLY A WHOLESALER WHICH SELLS EXCLUSIVELY TO

FRENCH ARMS RETAILERS. IT IS A SUBSIDIARY OF A WELL-KNOWN WEST GERMAN ARMS DEALER, ALBRECHT KIND, 5270 GUMMERSBACK, 31 HUMSTEG, POSTFACH 310145. ACCORDING TO BOMBECKE, KIND REPRESENTS SMITH AND WESSON SALES IN WEST GERMANY. LOCAL POLICE CHECK OF AKAH-FRANCE, AT REQUEST OF EMBASSY, HAS TURNED UP NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION EITHER ON THE FIRM ITSELF OR THE MANAGERS.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF LICENSE TO AKAH-FRANCE, ON CONDITION THAT LICENSE APPLICATION, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE REVOLVERS, MORE CLOSELY REFLECT THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF ITEMS ON ORDER. HAVING DRAWN REFERENCE EXPORT APPLICATION TO ATTENTION OF FRENCH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES EMBASSY IS CONFIDENT THAT POSSIBILITY OF ILLEGAL SUBSEQUENT DIVERSIONS IS MINIMAL. REQUEST, HOWEVER, THAT OMC KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF ACTUAL NUMBERS OF ITEMS EXPORTED UNDER REFERENCE LICENSE. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER POST-DELIVERY CHECK ON REFERENCE LICENSE APPLICATION IS REQUESTED.

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